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### **HOUSE BILL No. 1532**

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Citations Affected: Noncode.

**Synopsis:** Worker's compensation study committee. Establishes the worker's compensation study committee (committee). Requires the committee to study worker's compensation insurance premiums, the use of independent contractors, and homeowner's liability for worker's compensation. Requires the committee to report the results of the study to the legislative council before January 1, 2000.

Effective: July 1, 1999.

# Liggett, Torr

January 19, 1999, read first time and referred to Committee on Labor and Employment. February 15, 1999, amended, reported — Do Pass. February 18, 1999, read second time, amended, ordered engrossed.



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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in this style type, and deletions will appear in this style type.

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## **HOUSE BILL No. 1532**

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning labor and industrial safety.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. [EFFECTIVE: JULY 1, 1999] (a)	As used in this
SECTION, "committee" refers to the workers com	pensation study
committee established by subsection (b).	

- (b) The workers compensation study committee is established to study Indiana workers compensation laws.
  - (c) The committee shall study:
    - (1) workers compensation insurance premiums;
    - (2) the use of independent contractors; and
    - (3) home owners liability for workers compensation.
- (d) The committee consists of eight (8) members appointed as follows:
  - (1) Four (4) members of the senate, not more than two (2) of whom may be affiliated with the same political party, to be appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate.
  - (2) Four (4) members of the house of representatives, not more than two (2) of whom may be affiliated with the same

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1	political party, to be appointed by the speaker of the house of	
2	representatives.	
3	(e) The speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint a	
4	member of the committee to serve as chair of the committee, and	
5	the president pro tempore of the senate shall appoint a member of	
6	the committee to serve as vice chair of the committee.	
7	(f) If a legislative member of the committee ceases to be a	
8	member of the chamber from which the member was appointed,	
9	the member also ceases to be a member of the committee.	
10	(g) A member of the committee may be removed at any time by	
11	the appointing authority who appointed the legislative member.	
12	(h) If a vacancy exists on the committee, the appointing	
13	authority who appointed the former member whose position is	
14	vacant shall appoint an individual to fill the vacancy.	
15	(i) The committee shall submit an annual report of the results	
16	of its study to the legislative council before January 1, 2000.	
17	(j) The legislative services agency shall provide staff support to	
18	the committee.	
19	(k) The committee may employ consultants and experts to assist	
20	with its study.	
21	(1) Each member of the committee is entitled to receive the same	
22	per diem, mileage, and travel allowances paid to individuals who	
23	serve as legislative members of interim study committees	
24	established by the legislative council.	
25	(m) A quorum of the committee consists of five (5) members.	
26	(n) The affirmative votes of a majority of the members	
27	appointed to the committee are required for the committee to take	
28	action on any measure, including final reports.	V
29	(o) This SECTION expires June 30, 2000.	



#### COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Labor and Employment, to which was referred House Bill 1532, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill be amended as follows:

Page 1, line 5, delete "." and insert "by the building and construction trades industry.".

Page 1, line 6, delete "." and insert "by the building and construction trades industry.".

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1532 as introduced.)

LIGGETT, Chair

Committee Vote: yeas 9, nays 3.

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#### HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that House Bill 1532 be amended to read as follows:

Page 1, between the enacting clause and line 1, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 1. [EFFECTIVE: JULY 1, 1999] (a) As used in this SECTION, "committee" refers to the workers compensation study committee established by subsection (b).

- (b) The workers compensation study committee is established to study Indiana workers compensation laws.
  - (c) The committee shall study:
    - (1) workers compensation insurance premiums;
    - (2) the use of independent contractors; and
    - (3) home owners liability for workers compensation.
- (d) The committee consists of eight (8) members appointed as follows:
  - (1) Four (4) members of the senate, not more than two (2) of whom may be affiliated with the same political party, to be appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate.
  - (2) Four (4) members of the house of representatives, not more than two (2) of whom may be affiliated with the same political party, to be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.
- (e) The speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint a member of the committee to serve as chair of the committee, and the president pro tempore of the senate shall appoint a member of the committee to serve as vice chair of the committee.
- (f) If a legislative member of the committee ceases to be a member of the chamber from which the member was appointed, the member also ceases to be a member of the committee.
- (g) A member of the committee may be removed at any time by the appointing authority who appointed the legislative member.
- (h) If a vacancy exists on the committee, the appointing authority who appointed the former member whose position is vacant shall appoint an individual to fill the vacancy.
- (i) The committee shall submit an annual report of the results of its study to the legislative council before January 1, 2000.
- (j) The legislative services agency shall provide staff support to the committee.
- (k) The committee may employ consultants and experts to assist with its study.
  - (1) Each member of the committee is entitled to receive the same









per diem, mileage, and travel allowances paid to individuals who serve as legislative members of interim study committees established by the legislative council.

- (m) A quorum of the committee consists of five (5) members.
- (n) The affirmative votes of a majority of the members appointed to the committee are required for the committee to take action on any measure, including final reports.
  - (o) This SECTION expires June 30, 2000.".

Page 1, delete lines 1 through 8.

(Reference is to HB 1532 as printed February 16, 1999.)

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